

# Women In Engineering Affinity Community

## Promoting current and future ASME programs and activities that focus on women in engineering

### How can ASME be of use



- A grant by the Center for Education provides networking opportunities for members of WIE



### The Purpose of WIE

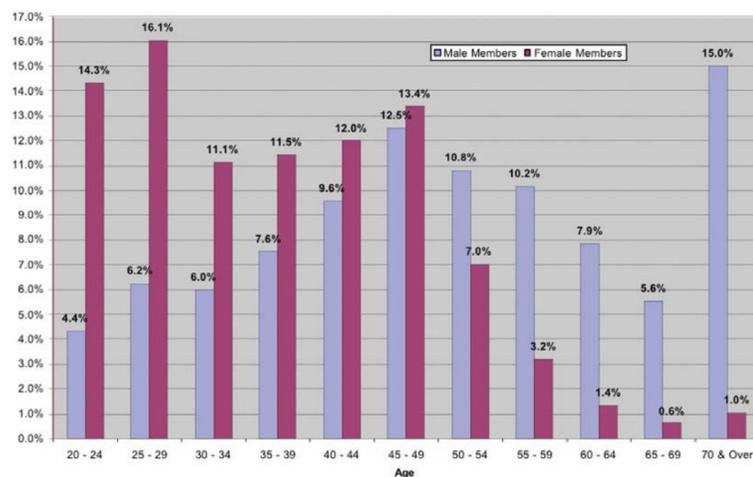
- WIE wants to provide opportunities to network and interact
  - WIE plans to hold events at national and international ASME meetings
  - The WIE PeerLink allows for discussion of current topics, program promotion, feedback, and solicits new volunteers

### How Can You Participate?

- Want to join in the fun?
  - Log onto: <http://peerlink.asme.org/COP/WomeninEngineering/> (We've grown from 5 to 140 members!)
  - Look for WIE programs at the next Annual Meeting or IMECE
  - Send us ideas of what we can do for you
  - Post your suggestions on the PeerLink



### How can we support our female membership as they transition from Early Career Engineers?



From: An ASME Membership Profile of Diversity (2006)  
(Full report is available on the WIE PeerLink)

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### ME Today Article

#### Women in Engineering: Starting a Dialogue

- Engineers, especially women in engineering, are often asked how they chose their profession
  - For women, this question is particularly significant since there is a small fraction of engineers that are women. *The number of women who pursue engineering is about 10%, and the representation in the mechanical discipline is even lower, roughly 6%.* This percentage is reflected in ASME membership, where 5% of the members are women

#### So, why would a woman choose mechanical engineering?

- Broad in nature and provides more opportunities to expand a career
- Requires creativity, teamwork and a desire to help people
- Stretches across a number of engineering disciplines and industries as well as so many other professions outside of engineering
- Culture allows women to gain different skills and knowledge that drives innovation and change
- No longer perceived as the "dirt under the finger nails" profession
- Heart of bio-engineering and nanotechnology

More available at:

<http://www.asme.org/NewsPublicPolicy/Newsletters/METoday/Women.cfm>

### Is WIE For You?

- Do you like mentoring or volunteering your time to support WIE programs?
- Would you like to see more young women enter the world of engineering?
- Have you ever wanted to discuss the issues that affect women in engineering with other women in engineering?
- Do you ever wish you had a place to share ideas and articles about women in engineering?
- Are you looking for other women to help support your WIE program?
- Could you just use a few more engineering friends that are female?



If you said yes to any of these questions, now is the time to join the WIE affinity group!